

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

OPEN SESSION

The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

Members Present Staff Present

Peter Cournoyer, DVM Amy Coleman, Attorney

Susan Fabrizio Linda Phillips

Conrad Jones, DVM Peter Ragosta

Catherine Lund, DVM

Mark Povar, DVM

Stacey Rodehorst, DVM

Members Absent Others Present

Call to Order

The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN session meeting held on January 22, 2014 were reviewed.

Stacey Rodehorst moved that the minutes be approved; Susan Fabrizio seconded the motion.

The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- A warm welcome was extended to Peter Ragosta, Chief Administrative Officer.**

Communications:

- The AAVSB requested a roster update for all Board members. Forms were distributed, filled out, and will be returned to ensure proper communication with its members.**

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

Issued Veterinary Licenses: A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Mark Povar and seconded by Conrad Jones, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS: None

4.0 NEW BUSINESS:

- **NVAP Accreditation Modules for Licensing CE –** A question was asked if state licensing boards consider these modules acceptable to fulfill continuing education requirements. After discussion, it was determined that the one hour accreditation is acceptable based on the information provided from their website.
- **CE Credit Request for Program Approval (CVC Washington DC) –** After reviewing the information provided, including a detailed brochure, the Board agreed that these are acceptable seminars provided that the attendee is not including time spent in exhibit halls.
- **CE Credit Questions for RI (MEDtrak Educational Services) –** Questions submitted to this Board as part of a survey regarding continuing education applications were discussed and a reply will be

sent.

- **Request for Approval of Canine Cancer Therapy Services (TVAX Biomedical, Inc.)** – It was asked by Dr Marshall, State Veterinarian, for the Board to consider whether the Department would regulate this type of activity. After discussion, it was felt that this was a new approach to attack the canine's cancer but still not approved and is possibly still a study. The Board felt that the letter provided by the USDA was only an acknowledgement of what's being done and that this was beyond the Boards scope. No additional comments or motions were made.

5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job

performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and

investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals

have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an

OPEN meeting.

Peter Cournoyer made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mark Povar made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 2:35 p.m. Susan Fabrizio seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7.0 VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the RI General Laws, a motion was made by Conrad Jones and seconded by Stacey Rodehorst to seal the minutes of the executive (closed) session. All approved.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS: None

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Catherine Lund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m. Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Phillips, Board Manager
Rhode Island Department of Health**